

# General Government

The General Government Section includes departments, commissions and offices responsible for oversight of distinct policy areas that are not easily consolidated into other oversight areas. These policy areas include ensuring peace officer competency, seismic safety, reasonable public utility rates, food and agriculture, and services to veterans. Additionally, this Section includes issues that are statewide in nature such as lease/revenue issues, bonds, and local government.

## Board of Equalization

- 2005-06 -\$7.9 million General Fund, \$1.7 million special funds
- 2006-07 No Change

## Workers' Compensation Savings

- The May Revision proposes a decrease of \$108,000 General Fund in 2005-06 to capture anticipated workers' compensation savings.

## Window Repairs at BOE Headquarters

- The May Revision proposes a decrease of \$7.8 million General Fund and an increase of \$1.7 million from various special funds for current-year costs associated with repair of the window gaskets on the Board's Sacramento headquarters building. The 2006-07 Governor's Budget proposed \$20 million in current-year funding for the repairs. Upon evaluating the Administration's proposal, the Legislature granted expenditure

authority of \$13.9 million. This adjustment accounts for the difference between the proposed level of funding and the amount approved.

### **Franchise Tax Board**

- 2005-06 \$3.1 million General Fund, and \$5.5 million reimbursements
- 2006-07 No Change

### **Workers' Compensation Savings**

- The May Revision proposes a decrease of \$124,000 General Fund in 2005-06 to capture anticipated workers' compensation savings.

### **California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) Carryover Adjustment**

- The May Revision proposes an increase of \$3.1 million General Fund and \$5.5 million in reimbursements for the CCSAS project in the current year. This reflects the availability of a like amount of carryover funds from 2004-05. These funds are necessary to ensure the project is completed on a timely basis, and are reflected in previously approved budget documents.

### **Commission on State Mandates**

- 2005-06 No Change
- 2006-07 \$26.142 million General Fund

The May Revision proposes the following adjustments:

#### **Reform State Mandate Reimbursement Process**

The May Revision includes an increase of \$270,000 General Fund for a facilitator to lead discussions with state and local officials to reform the state mandate reimbursement process.

#### **Payment for Specified Mandate Claims**

An increase of \$4.1 million General Fund and redirection of funds proposed for mandates in the Governor's Budget to:

- Provide \$90.3 million for payment of 2005-06 estimated claims for specified mandates.

- Provide \$5.7 million for newly determined mandates based on updated information.
- Identify, based on the requirements of Proposition 1A, those mandates to be implemented in 2006-07 and funded in 2007-08.

### **Transfer Funds for Mental Health Services to Special Education Pupils**

Transfer \$50 million General Fund to the Department of Mental Health to provide mental health services to special education pupils in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

### **Repayment of Past Mandate Debt**

A net increase of \$71.8 million to reflect a reduction of \$15.1 million to the first year of the 15-year repayment of past mandate debt based on updated information and an increase of \$86.9 million to pay the 2007-08 mandate debt in advance of the required timeline.

## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

- 2005-06 No Change
- 2006-07 \$421,000

The May Revision proposes \$421,000 General Fund to prepare a feasibility report focused on replacing the Veterans Home Information System to better support member care and update technology infrastructure throughout the homes and the Department.

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